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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5559
INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN
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AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

C O N F I D E N T I A L YAOUNDE 2524

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: EFIN AF CM
SUBJECT: COMMON FUND

REF: A. YAOUNDE 2405; B. STATE 120770; C. MEXICO 7129

1. AMBASSADOR AND ECONOFF MET WITH MINISTER OF FINANCE YONDO ON MAY 19 TO LEARN OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER AFRICAN MINISTERS OF FINANCE AT LIBREVILLE ADB MEETING WITH REGARD US POSITION ON OTHER MEASURES. YONDO SAID THAT HE HAD RAISED SUBJECT INDIVIDUALLY WITH MANY OF THE MINISTERS AT LIBREVILLE BUT DISCOVERED THAT MOST DID NOT HANDLE COMMON FUND. HE STATED THAT THOSE WITH WHOM HE DISCUSSED MATTER WERE "QUITE OPEN" TO US POSITION AS PRESENTED TO HIM BY UNDERSECRETARY COOPER AT MEXICO CITY (REF C) BUT ALL WISHED TO SEE IT IN WRITING BEFORE COMMITTING THEMSELVES. YONDO SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IVOIRIAN AND CONGO BRAZZAVILLE MINISTERS OF FINANCE, BOTH OF WHOM WERE RECEPTIVE TO US POSITION, BUT ONLY THE FORMER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMMON FUND. HE ONCE AGAIN REQUESTED THAT US PROVIDE WRITTEN PROPOSAL WHICH COULD BE CIRCULATED AMONG AFRICAN STATES AND STUDIES.

2. AS AN ASIDE YONDO SAID THAT HE DID NOT DISCUSS MATTER WITH ALGERIAN, GUINEANS, AND MINISTERS FROM "OTHER RADICAL STATES." HE EXPLAINED WITH A SMILE THAT ALGERIA ET AL AND GURC HAD BEEN
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ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE FENCE WITH REGARD NON-REGIONAL PARTICIPATION IN ADF AND THAT HE THEREFORE COULD NOT COMFORTABLY RAISE ISSUE WITH THEM.

3. COMMENT: YONDO IS RECEPTIVE TO US POSITION AND IS WILLING TP PRESENT IT TO HIS AFRICAN COLLEAGUES IN A FAVORABLE LIGHT. NEVERTHELESS HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT IF WE WISH HIM TO CONTINUE

HIS EFFORTS, HE WILL NEED AT LEAST INFORMAL OUTLINE OF OUR
POSITION IN WRITING.
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